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North Hangyong

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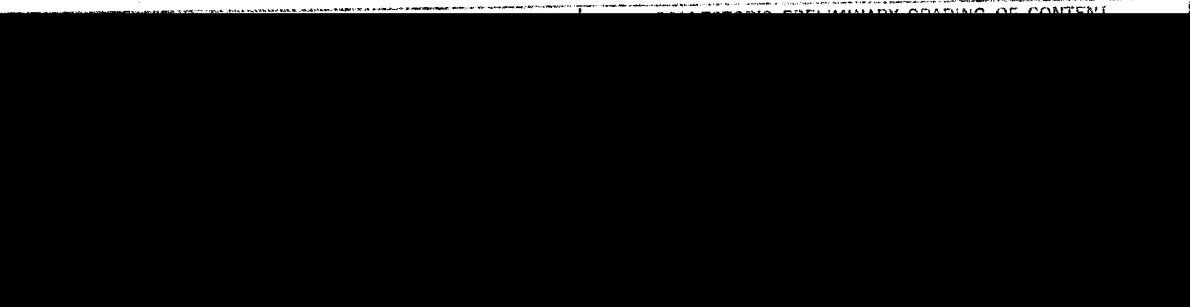
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1. The Tokchin (129-42, 41-45) Fishery Association was headed by PANG (X), a Labor Party member, had two secretaries, and had a membership of about 60. Those who were not willing to join the association and their boats and fishing equipment confiscated by the association. Each member of the association received 30 percent of the retail price of his total catch for the season. The fish was usually sold in Hamam (129-41, 41-45) and Kyong-sung (129-41, 41-45) to customers' associations. The fishermen were able to purchase their own products at cost prices.
2. In mid-1951 fishermen went only four kilometers from the coast instead of the usual eight, because of the naval bombardment. There were about 10 working days a month, in which one fisherman could earn 4,000 won; however, one mai of rice cost 2,200 won; one mai of German millet, 2,000 won; and one mai of beans, 1,200 won.
3. About 15 of the 300 houses in Tokchin were closed by the police because the families had collaborated with the ROK army or had attempted to leave Tokchin when the ROK army retreated. No one was permitted to enter or leave these houses for periods ranging from three to six months. At the end of the term a public meeting was held at which the cases were discussed and either the term extended or the case dismissed. Each person who was sentenced had to wear a sign attached to his clothing bearing the Korean word "tanun" (X), meaning "remain inside." A similar sign painted on wood was hung on the outside of the house.

Comment. One mai is about thirty pounds.

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